



SELECTBOARD MEETING OF January 15, 2014

Members Present: Bob Beeman (Chair), Min Cote, Brian Kellogg, Steve Rae and Mickey Smith

Department Heads: Dan Lindley, Town Administrator; Mary Ann Wilson, Clerk/Treasurer; Carol Bradley, Finance Director, Richard Keith, Chief of Police.

Meeting was called to order at 6:15 PM in the Community Meeting Room by Bob Beeman.

I. AGENDA CHANGES OR ADDITIONS

1. Add Executive Session for Personnel

II. BUDGET DISCUSSIONS

Handout showed a proposed budget increase of \$202,462 for FY 14-15 over the FY 13-14 budget. Carol provided verbal updates/changes to that: County Tax increase of \$703; Lamoille County Sheriff's Dept increase of \$3,614; Town of Elmore income reduction of \$3,971, and a transposition adjustment for Lamoille County Planning Commission decrease of \$9. This results in a proposed budget of \$210,741 - a 5% increase. Select Board members indicated that they would like to get that increase below 3%.

Dan recommended two budget cuts. One would be to eliminate the \$30,000 for sidewalk reserve. Between Maple Street and other projects, putting this off for one year won't be a problem. Dan's other recommendation was to hold off a year on the \$25,000 for a building at the Maple Street garage. At this time, we don't have any good numbers for the cost of the building.

Suggestions were made about possibly using Building Reserve money to fund \$25,000 for the Maple Street garage. That would reduce the Building Reserve from \$450,000 to \$425,000 and the Town would borrow for the Municipal Building Project. Other suggestions were to use some of the \$70,000 undesignated Fund Balance from FY 12-13. Another suggestion was to cut back paving from \$250,000 to \$220,000 to fund the Maple St garage. Dan explained that the Town has 50 miles of highway. Currently, it costs approximately \$100,000 to pave 1 mile of road. Every 5 to 6 years every road should be repaved. The longer a road is put off, the condition worsens, and the cost to repair/maintain increases. The Town would need to budget \$500,000 a year in order to keep up. He also reminded the Select Board that the Maple Street paving will come out of the paving budget. One mile of Washington Highway needs to be redone, along with $\frac{3}{4}$ mile of Cochran Road. Stagecoach Road has various issues that need addressing: width, shoulders, speed, and condition.

After much discussion, the Select Board agreed to reduce the FY 14-15 proposed budget by a total of \$75,000: \$25,000 from the Maple Street garage project; \$30,000 from the Sidewalk Reserve; and use \$20,000 from the FY 12-13 undesignated fund balance as income in the FY 14-15 proposed budget. The reduction of \$75,000 from the proposed \$210,741 equals \$135,741 – a 2.9% increase over the FY 13-14 budget.

III. OTHER BUSINESS

1. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion made by Min Cote, seconded by Brian Kellogg to go into executive session for real estate to include Dan, Richard, Mary Ann and Carol; and for personnel. Motion approved. (5/0)

Motion made by Min Cote, seconded by Brian Kellogg to go out of executive session. Motion approved. (5/0)

Motion made by Min Cote, seconded by Brian Kellogg to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 PM. Motion approved. (5/0)

Respectfully submitted and filed, January 16, 2013

Carol Bradley, Temporary Scribe

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